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SUBJECT:

ARRB Request re DCI Bush Revisited

REFERENCE:

Previous request for files on George Bush;

Hoover, FBI, memo to State dtd 29 Nov. 19963 referencing a George

Bush at CIA,

New request: any records of Agency contact with George Herbert Walker Bush, DCI 1976-77, prior to his becoming DCI; was he a DCD contact?

Limit search to 1960-67 timeframe [Bush was member of Congress 1967-71, at UN 1971-72, China 1974-75].

Background: During his "oil field" days, Bush may have had contact with de Mohrenschildt, a friend of Oswald. There is a letter from de Mohrenschildt to DCI Bush in the collection.

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Answer 2: The keywords ANGLETON & KALARIS were utilized in this search; plus through the perusal of shelflists a folder with DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION was reviewed. The folder with "destruction" in the title contained paramaters set for retention of documents during the various investigations/committees. None of the reviews surfaced any authorization or reference to or listing of Angleton documents being destroyed. If the timeframe for the said destruction were provided and the position held by Kalaris were known, the appropriate DCI Chronos and position liaison files could be searched.

Question 3: Which office controls the unredacted version of the Family Jewels memo?

Answer 3: Executive Registry shelf lists record two (2) retired boxes containing material identifiable as "Family Jewels". At the present time those two boxes are being utilized by the DCI/IRO for the Levy search. (79M01476A; boxes 16 & 17). One of the testimony documents located in a folder titled "White House Correpsondence re: Congressional Investigations" referenced the "Family Jewels". Per a conversation with DCI/IRO on 30 April 1997, the GC has found the unredacted version.

Question 4: What records would be kept of requests to or liaison between the Agency and NSA or FBI in the wake of the assassination (November 23, 1963-September 30, 1964?

Answer 4: The shelf lists for the above timeframe did not indicate high level meetings with either of the two agencies, therefore, the NSA and FBI liaison folders for 1963/1964 were reviewed. There were no responsive documents in these compartments. The McCone files are under review by David Borage.

Question 5: What records would be kept of DCI tasking to other intelligence community agencies in the immediate wake of the assassination (the first month)?

Answer 5: No memos re Kennedy were found in DDCI/Walters files for 1963/64. The DCI/IRO has tasked this out through the CMS/IMO. The DCI/McCone files are under review by David Borage.

Question 6: Where are the personal and working papers of the DCI, DDCI, and the heads of the directorates? (Personal files, soft files, and official files are included in this request.)

Answer 6: During the early retirement years AO/DCI did retire a number of soft files. Some DCI files contained records labeled as "Personal". Executive Registry holdings of personal correspondence would be maintained as temporary to be retained within the registry for three years then destroyed. No Official Files were noted on shelf lists.

Question 7: Are there any Agency records on George Herbert Walker Bush prior to his appointment as DCI?

Answer 7: Bush was appointed as DCI on 3 November 1975. Earlier Career:

- 1974-1975, Chief. U.S. Liaison Office, People's Republic of China
- 1973-1974, Chairman, Republican National Committee
- 1971-1972, Ambassador to the United Nations
- 1967-1971, Member of Congress, 7th District, Texas
- Servid in World War II as naval naviator in the Pacific.

BUSH was run as a keyword and no documents revealed evidence of any correspondence prior to his appointment as DCI. Navy liaison files from 1963-66 were reviewed with no responsive documents.

Question 8: What records might still exist on correspondence between the DCI (Helms) and the Nixon White House on the 1967 IG Report? on the Bay of Pigs? on the assassination?

Answer 8: Helms was DCI from 30 June 1966 through 2 February 1973. The Bay of Pigs material is presently under review at the History Staff. The tasking memo from the DCI to the DD's stating that the CIA will not involve itself in assassinations. The DCI/IRO stated that she has the "1967 IG Report". The Helms files were recalled by Chris Burgess for Helms use.

Question 9: How are White House requests recorded. What records might there be of requests from the then Attorney General Robert Kennedy?

Answer 9: White House requests would initially be filed in Liaison with the White House for the year that the request was received. It might also be transferred to or cross-referenced to a topic file if significance warrented it. (The Kennedy was Attorney General from 1961-1964.) Attorney General labeled folders were recalled and reviewed. The following correspondence from Attorney General Robert Kennedy resides in Executive Registry files:

- Memo to Heads of Departments and Agencies re NSA Memorandum 161 ensuring the development of plans, programs & action proposals to protect internal security.
- Memo of acknowledgement of the appointment of John A. Ross as Deputy for National Intelligence Programs.
- Proposed Revision of NSC-5427 re restructing Soviet Diplomat access to U.S. Strategic Intelligence.
- Our response to a verbal request for information re the Cuban refugee situation in Maini.
- Verbal & Paper requests re NIE on Weapons of Mass Destruction.